FISCAL NOTE

SB 3409 - HB 3618

March 21, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires nursing homes to conduct background checks prior to employing any direct care worker.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, nursing homes conduct background checks on direct care employees within seven days of employment. The provisions of this bill will require nursing homes to conduct the background check prior to employment.
- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to amend the nursing home regulations and retrain survey staff on the confirmation of background check changes during nursing home state licensure surveys.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director